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REMARKS

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement, as the correspond U.S. equivalent references were considered by the Examiner, the Applicant is not requesting substantive consideration of DE 4329918 A1 and DE 19952781 A1 in this case.

The application is objected to as failing to contain a drawing for subject matter that admits to illustration, as noted in the official action. The raised drawing objection is overcome by the accompanying new formal drawing. No new subject matter is believed to be entered by the same. If any amendment to the enclosed drawing is believed necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

The above newly entered paragraph of the specification now provides a brief description concerning the newly entered drawing. The undersigned avers that the newly entered paragraph of the specification do not contain any new subject matter.

Next, claim 18 is objected to a being of improper dependent form for failing to limit the subject matter of a previous claim. The above requested amendments to claim 18 are believed to overcome all of the raised informalities concerning that claim.

Lastly, claims 12-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted in the official action. The rejected claims are accordingly amended, by the above claim amendments, and all of the presently pending claims are now believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, thereby overcoming all of the gaised § 112, second paragraph, rejections. The entered claim amendments are directed solely at overcoming the raised indefiniteness rejection(s) and are not directed at distinguishing the present invention from the art of record in this case.

If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case completely in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

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